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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6962

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

DIA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 2080

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN ALSO FOR USDAO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR

SUBJ: ATTITIONAL ATTACHE ASSIGNMENTS

REF: (A) STATE A-7826, 9/13/73 (NOTAL)

(B) USDAO ABIDJAN 0387 SEP 73 (NOTAL)

(C) STATE A-9164, 11/5/73

(D) USDAO ABIDJAN 0434 NOV 73 (NOTAL)

1. REF A INFORMED THIS EMBASSY THAT MAJOR ALVA V. HARDIN, JR.,  
US ARMY, HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO IT AS ASST ARMY ATTACHE, RESIDENT  
ABIDJAN.

2. REF B "REMINDS" EMBASSY THAT MAJOR HARDIN WAS REPLACING  
LT COL JOSEPH M. KELSO, USAF, "WHOSE POSITION HAS BEEN DELETED,"  
AND REQUESTED COPIES OF EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND REPLY  
THERETO.

3. ON OCTOBER 1, 1973, EMBASSY SENT NOTE NO. 77 TO FOREIGN  
MINISTRY, INFORMING IT THAT MAJOR HARDIN WAS REPLACING COL  
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KELSO. BY NOT NO 15127 OF OCTOBER 11, 1973, MINISTRY ACKNOWLEDGED

RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S NOTE. COPIES OF BOTH NOTES WERE  
POUCHED TO USDAO ABIDJAN UNDER COVER OF TRANSMITTAL SLIP OF  
OCTOBER 17, 1973.

4. REF C INFORMED EMBASSY THAT CAPT GEORGE A. D'ANGELO,  
RESIDENT MONROVIA, WAS TO BE ADDITIONALLY ASSIGNED TO LOME AS  
AIR ATTACHE EFFECTIVE UPON DEPARTURE OF COL KELSO FROM ABIDJAN  
IN DECEMBER 1973, APPARENTLY REPLACING HIM IN THAT POSITION.  
REF C ASKED EMBASSY TO SEEK ACCREDITATION FROM HOST GOVERNMENT  
IF ASSIGNMENT MET WITH EMBASSY'S APPROVAL.

5. BY REF D USDAO SUBMITTED A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR  
VISIT TO LOME AND OTHER CAPITALS WITH PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING  
NEW ASST ARMA (HARDIN) WITH POSSIBILITY INTRODUCING NEW AIRA  
(D'ANGELO) "IF YOUR NOTES HAVE BY THEN BEEN ANSWERED".

6. WHEN I DIRECTED SENDING OF NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON  
APPOINTMENT OF HARDIN, I DID SO ON BASIS OF REF A AND OF  
REF B, WHICH INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS REPLACING COL KELSO. I  
THUS OF COURSE THOUGHT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENT  
MILITARY ATTACHES ASSIGNED TO THIS EMBASSY WOULD REMAIN AT  
THE LEVEL OF TWO. NOW I AM INFORMED THAT CAPTAIN D'ANGELO IS  
ALSO REPLACING COL KELSO.

7. I THINK A DECISION MUST BE MADE AS TO WHETHER IT IS DESIRED  
TO HAVE MAJOR HARDIN OR CAPTAIN D'ANGELO ASSIGNED TO THIS  
EMBASSY. TWO MILITARY ATTACHES IS CERTAINLY SUFFICIENT, NAMELY  
DATT AND ONE OTHER. EMBASSY HAS ONLY FOUR STATE DEPT OFFICERS  
ASSIGNED TO IT. THREE DEFENSE ATTACHES WOULD BE HIGHLY  
DISPROPORTIONATE AND COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY TOGOLESE  
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ALREADY UNABLE TO COMPREHEND ROLE OF AND  
NEED FOR TWO MILITARY ATTACHES, ESPECIALLY WHEN USG HAS NO  
INTENTION OF PROVIDING ANY ASSISTANCE WHATSOEVER TO TOGOLESE  
ARMED FORCES (AND RIGHTLY SO).

8. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT I BE INFORMED WHETHER IT IS  
PREFERRED THAT MAJOR HARDIN OR CAPTAIN D'ANGELO REPLACE COL  
KELSO. IF IT IS THE LATTER, I SHALL SEND A NOTE TO FOREIGN  
MINISTRY WITHDRAWING NAME OF MAJOR HARDIN AND INFORMING IT  
THAT CAPTAIN D'ANGELO IS COL KELSO'S REPLACEMENT.  
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